



Glacier National Park Information Sheet – April 2011

Going-to-the-Sun Road – 2011: Top 10 Things You Need to Know

1. Glacier National Park is open year-round. Most visitor services and facilities are available May through September; however, autumn/winter/spring non-motorized recreation opportunities and primitive camping are offered year round. Visitor services and amenities are available year round in nearby gateway communities.
2. The Going-to-the-Sun Road (Sun Road), the only American roadway designated both as a National Historic Landmark and a National Civil Engineering Landmark, continues to undergoing a multi-year rehabilitation project. To minimize impacts to summer visitors, most work occurs at night and during shoulder seasons (before mid-June and after mid-September).
3. Funding for the Sun Road project often changes. Most recently the project received \$27.6 million in federal stimulus money for two **simultaneous** phases of alpine work **between Big Bend and Siyeh Bend**. Both work zones continue in 2011. Early spring and late fall road work will also occur between Avalanche Creek and the West Tunnel when vehicle travel is restricted at Avalanche Creek.
4. Short traffic delays will occur between **Big Bend and Logan Pass and until mid-summer, Logan Pass to Siyeh Bend**. Expect one-lane directional travel and no more than **40-minute** delays from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.
 - **After mid-summer:** Once the Logan Pass to Siyeh Bend segment is paved and completed, road work will shift to west side only – **between Haystack Creek and Logan Pass** – with a maximum daytime delay of **30 minutes** through the work zone.
 - **Monday night through Friday morning:** West of Logan Pass, **motor vehicle travel is restricted from 9 p.m. to 7 a.m. between the Loop and Logan Pass**, with a 15 -20 minute access window at 2 a.m. to allow vehicles through the work area. There will not be night work operations on the east side of Logan Pass.
 - **Hikers and bicyclists:** Recreational users are allowed past vehicle barricades but may be restricted in construction zones. Parking at Avalanche is limited.
 - **For updates:** Call 5-1-1 anywhere in Montana and select option '5' or call 406-888-7800.
5. Schedules for the multi-year rehabilitation call for opening lower elevations in the spring as weather and road work permits and opening the alpine section over Logan Pass from mid-June to mid-September. In 2011, the very earliest the entire Sun Road may open is Friday, June 17, 2011. Once completely open, the entire Sun Road will be open through Sunday, September 18, 2011, weather permitting. From the west: spring and fall vehicle restrictions will be at Avalanche unless the entire road is open to through traffic.
6. Regardless of Sun Road reconstruction, vehicle access to Logan Pass ends each year no later than the Monday following the third full weekend of October (October 17, 2011), weather permitting. If snow storms and/or hazardous driving conditions cause temporary closures prior to the projected October vehicle restriction, every effort will be made to reopen to Logan Pass as conditions permit.
 - **In fall 2011, Logan Pass will be accessible only from the east until midnight Sunday, October 16, 2011, weather permitting.**
7. More information about the Sun Road rehabilitation project, general park roads information and other visitor services is available at <http://www.nps.gov/glac/planyourvisit/goingtothesunroad.htm> or <http://www.wfl.fhwa.dot.gov/projects/gtsr/>. To receive email updates about the Sun Road project, please send an email message to eblast-subscribers@dot.gov.
8. In 2011, the Sun Road transit system operates Friday, July 1 through Friday, September 2 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. The system is FREE to all park visitors. An east side hiker shuttle is also available from Glacier Park, Inc. (GPI) for a fee.
 - Early July through much of August, riders may experience delays at shuttle stops due to heavy use of the transit system, especially during the early morning and late afternoon/evening hiker rush.
 - Parties of more than four (4) riders are difficult to accommodate between Avalanche and Logan Pass due to smaller vehicles.
9. Guided park tours are available from park concessioners via boat, bus, foot and horse. For details, visit www.nps.gov/glac/planyourvisit/outdooractivities.htm.
10. The Apgar Transit Center and St. Mary Visitor Center (SMVC) offer transit and trip-planning information, park displays and exhibits, including a film about the Sun Road at SMVC.

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